CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	0097oo.jpg
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Applicant:	The District Court At Timaru
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	08 July 2013
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued
Date of notice of decision:	No notice of decision has been issued

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file is deemed to be objectionable because it promotes and supports bestiality.

The image on the file shows a sexual act involving a naked woman and a dog. The image has no other purpose than the sexual titillation and arousal of viewers. The depiction of sexual conduct with an animal as a pleasurable form of activity breaks down the taboos that surround such acts and makes bestiality seem both possible and desirable.

The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's clear intention in s3(2)(e) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 that publications that promote and support bestiality will be banned.